## U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

## Patuxent Research Refuge Public Programs September 2014





#### REGISTRATION

All programs are **FREE**, **however**, **donations to The Friends of Patuxent are greatly appreciated!** Note: These public programs are designed for individuals/families. Programs DO require advance reservations and may be subject to changes or cancellation due to weather or low participation. Please call **301-497-5887** to make your reservation. Please notify the refuge of any special needs so that you may be accommodated.

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# Programs Held at the National Wildlife Visitor Center

The Visitor Center is located on Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Rt. 197.

### **Whooping Crane Observatory Tour**

Sunday, Sept. 7th, 1:00-2:30pm, Ages 14+
Enjoy a guided tour to the Whooping Crane
Observatory at the Patuxent Wildlife Research
Center to observe a pair of graceful and
endangered adult whooping cranes. Find out more
about the Whooping Crane population recovery
program. Arrive early, as tour will leave on
time. Space is very limited. Registration is required.

#### **Bird Walks**

Wednesday, Sept. 10th, 8:00-10:30am, Ages 16+ Wednesday, Sept. 24th, 8:00-10:30am, Ages 16+ Search for birds in several refuge habitats on this guided hike. Field guides and binoculars recommended. Registration is required.

#### Leave it to Beavers!

Wednesday, Sept.  $10^{th}$ , 10:00am-11:00am, Ages 8-10 Discover the clever techniques these cool and resourceful animals use to live in the wild in this hands-on program. Registration is required.

### Puppet Show: Ruby's Journey

Friday, Sept. 12th, 10:00am & 11:00am, All Ages
Follow one of the world's smallest birds,
the ruby-throated hummingbird, as it
travels on one of the longest migration routes! Show
lasts approximately 20 minutes. All Ages Welcome,
NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

#### Nature Tots: Crabs!

Wednesday, Sept. 17th, 10:30-11:30am & 1:00-2:00pm, Ages 3-4

Join us to learn more about one of Maryland's most famous animals - Crabs! We will be exploring the world of these cool crustaceans through stories, games, crafts and live animals! Registration is required.

#### Life Undercover

Thursday, Sept. 18th, 1:00-2:30pm, Ages 5-7
Take a hike through the forest to discover the mysterious undercover world of a fallen log!
Learn why these dead trees make such a great home and who lives inside. Registration is required.

#### **Bird Walk**

Sunday, Sept. 21st, 8:00-10:00 am, Ages 8+
Identify birds by sight and sound on this guided tour with short walks through several refuge habitats.
Field guides and binoculars are recommended.
Registration is required.

#### Tiny Tots: Nature and Music

Sunday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>, 11:30 am-12:15pm, Ages 18-42 mos. Monday, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 10:30-11:15am, Ages 18-42 mos. Come learn about the wildlife at the refuge through songs and rhyming. Parental participation is required. Registration is required.

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# Programs Held at the National Wildlife Visitor Center..Cont

The Visitor Center is located on Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Rt. 197.

## Based on Books: Monthly Nature Series: Slugs and Snails

Tuesday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10:30-11:15am, Ages 4-5 Each program in this series begins with a beautifully illustrated children's story about wildlife. Discover more about nature with puppets, props, and activities. Registration is required.

## Program held at the North Tract

The North Tract is located on Rt. 198 between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Rt. 32.

#### **Fall Nature Hike**

Wednesday, Sept. 24th, 1:00-2:30pm, Ages 5-7 Learn how animals and plants are preparing for fall's arrival through a hike, game and a craft. Registration is required.

## Honey Harvest Festival



National Wildlife Visitor Center Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014 9:00am - 3:30pm

Join the Maryland State Beekeepers Association as they celebrate the Annual Maryland Honey Harvest Festival! Discover the busy world of bees and other pollinators while enjoying arts and crafts, honey tastings, candle making demonstrations, product sales, and much more!

Refreshments will be available for purchase.

No Registration Necessary!